THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments/UTs for the development of tourist infrastructure for projects prioritised every year for that year in consultation with them. During the first three years of Ninth Plan Ministry of Tourism sanctioned an amount of Rs. 11.04 crores for 46 projects to the Government of Assam for construction of Yatri Niwases, Tourist Lodges, Tourist Complexes, Wayside amenities, Fair & Festivals etc.

(d) and (e) The project proposals to be taken up by the Government of Assam during the year 2000-2001 are to be discussed with the Government of Assam in the prioritisation meeting to be held shortly.

Pending Irrigation Projects

†5467. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of irrigation projects are lying pending upto the end of the Eighth Plan even after spending crores of rupees and some of the projects, which have been going on for the last 30—35 years are not likely to be completed in the next 10 years;

(b) the details of the project lying pending, State-wise for the last 10 years;

(c) the reasons for non-completion of these projects;

(d) whether Government have taken any action for early completion of these projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) At the end of the Eighth Plan, there were 162 Major and 240 Medium ongoing Irrigation Projects. Of these, 147 major and 194 medium Projects have been ongoing since last 10 years. State-wise details of these projects is given in enclosed Statement (*See* below).

Among them only 11 Major and one Medium Projects are going on for the last 30—35 years and the likely to be completed beyond Ninth Plan.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) to (e) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are taken up for implementation by the State Governments themselves mainly out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. The completion period of any project depends on various factors such as its size, availability of land, obtaining clearance from various Central Appraising Agencies by the State governments and geological conditions etc. Equally important are funds alloted by the State Governments to individual project.

Statement

Sl. No.	State	Major	Medium
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	18
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—
3.	Assam	4	9
4.	Bihar	14	26
5.	Goa	1	1
6.	Gujarat	9	8
7.	Haryana	5	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0	1
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1	9
10.	Karnataka	11	12
11.	Kerala	5	2
12.	Madhya Pradesh	20	32
13.	Maharashtra	33	39
14.	Manipur	2	1
15.	Meghalaya	—	—
16.	Mizoram	—	—
17.	Nagaland	—	—
18.	Orissa	5	10
19.	Punjab	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	5	4
21.	Sikkim	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	—	—
23.	Tripura	—	3
24.	Uttar Pradesh	17	2
25.	West Bangal	3	17
	TOTAL :	**147**	**194**

Note : Among the above projects, 7 major (1 in U.P. & 6 in Gujarat) and 6 medium projects in Gujarat have been completed during Ninth Plan.